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*Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo and San Antonio.*

EL PASO.

EL PASO, TEX., *November 5, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

About fifty people, mostly railroad employees, arrived here to-day from San Antonio; supposed intention to remain here for completion incubation period, so they can go to other parts of State upon completion six days from San Antonio. Representative State board here gives passenger certificate. Service work here going as usual.

LUMSDEN.

HOUSTON.

HOUSTON, TEX., *November 10, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Detention camp near Houston with guard still in operation. Local conditions appear satisfactory. Letter follows.

EBERSOLE.

LAREDO.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 4, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 7; old cases, 7; total reported, 14; deaths, 3; 45 houses disinfected, with 174 rooms; 431 containers and 7 excavations oiled, 275 premises inspected, 93 sprinkled, 45 faucets put in water barrels, 33 barrels crude oil sprinkled on streets and vacant lots, covering 69 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 97°; minimum, 56°; weather very unfavorable. No cases reported in New Laredo, Minera, or Cannel.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 5, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 8, old cases 4, total reported to-day, 12; no deaths. Seventy-two houses disinfected, with 167 rooms; 747 containers, 44 excavations, and 4 tanks oiled; 355 premises inspected, 115 premises sprinkled, 36 faucets put in water barrels, 34 barrels crude oil sprinkled on streets and vacant lots, covering 85 city blocks. Maximum temperature 88°, minimum 57°. One new case reported at Cannel. Nothing new from New Laredo. No report from Minera.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 6, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Please add to last night's report as follows: Systematic disinfection of the entire city commenced October 30. Up to November 5 35 city blocks have been disinfected. This is being done without interfering with the disinfection of infected premises as soon as cases are reported.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 6, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 9, old cases 9, total reported to-day 18; deaths, 4; 82 houses disinfected, with 241 rooms; 638 containers, 5 tanks, and 111 excavations oiled; 330 premises inspected and 123 sprinkled, covering 52 city blocks; 46 faucets put in water barrels. Oilers of water containers have covered the city for the second time and are now on third round. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 47°. Cannel reports 1 new case, making a total of 5 to date. Minera reports 3 new cases, all from the same source of infection as the first case after general disinfection. No report from New Laredo. Necessary to have medical inspectors to inspect disinfected districts to report all cases of illness, to prevent spread of new foci that may arise. Have nominated to-day McGregor for this purpose. Will require additional inspectors later on.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 7, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

A visit for two days at Monterey convinces me that yellow fever has existed there since August 1 and had original different dates. Over one-half the minimum population of 60,000 has suffered with a disease, and the deaths exceed many times the reported number. Over 500 persons down with this disease at this moment. All the stations from Saltillo to Laredo have borne the stigma of deaths and the distresses of sickness. In fact, about every ranch has suffered. The number of cases and deaths will never be known, but there has been only a moderate amount of dread, fear, and disorder of business. There are no quarantines south of Monterey worthy of the name, and that on the Mexican National has become useless on account of the immunizing of residents and crews. Commercial interests in Mexico begin to dread the effect of next year's embargoes and seem willing to have more explicit statements from the infected region, rather than suffer in future more than will be fair to the people and their interests. I found no hint of infection at Saltillo, although many cases have been treated there and several deaths occurred. There seems to be no stegomyia at that point.

MURRAY.

WASHINGTON, *November 7, 1903.*

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Wire on what grounds detention camp for Laredo was closed. If for pecuniary reasons, why not confer with Tabor with regard to opening it by Bureau? Wire number of people who were passed through it.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 7, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Detention camp for Laredo was closed for following reasons: Pecuniary, and because certificates issued were not honored by various points in Texas. State Quarantine Officer McKnight informs me that Tabor does not now object to the Service opening camp. I received

no information of the closing of the detention camp until two days prior to closing, and then not officially. I hesitate to recommend reopening under Service auspices, fearing certificates might not be honored. Will obtain information relative to this point. About 70 persons passed through camp from October 1 to November 2.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 7, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 15, old cases 5, total reported to-day 20; deaths 2; 81 houses, with 202 rooms, disinfected; this includes 3 churches, 715 containers, 16 excavations, 6 tanks, and 12,000 feet standing water oiled; 392 premises inspected and 109 sprinkled, covering 66 city blocks; 70 faucets put into barrels. Maximum temperature 83°, minimum 52°. No new cases at Cannel, Minera, or New Laredo. The weather continues unfavorable, and hundreds of laborers from the cotton fields of northern Texas are returning daily. This, and the impossibility of having all cases reported promptly, accounts for the increase in the number of cases. The city ordinance referred to in my telegram of October 31 goes into effect the 10th instant; at the same time a volunteer force of inspectors, composed of prominent citizens, will patrol the town to report all cases of illness.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases 8, old cases 4; total reported to-day 12; 45 houses disinfected, with 190 rooms; 586 containers, 32 excavations, 5 tanks, and 61 premises oiled; 303 premises inspected, covering 42 city blocks. Maximum temperature 82°, minimum 59°. No cases at Nuevo Laredo. No report from Cannel or Minera. Murray goes to Monterey.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 9, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 13; old cases, 12; total reported to-day, 25; deaths, 4, all discovered dead; 59 houses disinfected, with 257 rooms—this includes post-office and custom-house; 550 containers, 19 excavations, 3 tanks, and 88 premises oiled; 366 premises inspected, 55 faucets put in barrels, 31 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on streets and vacant lots, covering 52 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 86°; minimum, 54°. Two new cases reported at Cannel. No report from Minera or New Laredo. From the fact that 12 old cases and 4 dead were discovered to-day, you may judge of the difficulties we have to contend with in controlling the disease. The protracted warm spell, the hundreds of laborers returning to town from the cotton fields, and the hidden cases have given new impulse to the epidemic and upset all my calculations. Am now putting on my own inspectors to report cases of sickness in those quarters of the town that have been disinfected. For this purpose am using acting assistant surgeons heretofore in charge of disinfection crews, and appointed a few new ones as inspectors. The

disinfecting crews will be directed by the foremen. Tabor wires that detention camp will be at once resumed by State if considered necessary.

GUITERAS.

WASHINGTON, *November 10, 1903.*

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Recent rains, warm weather, and return of laborers evidently complicate your work, but it should be prosecuted vigorously upon same lines as not only beneficial at present time but also for next year. If reopening detention camp by State is desirable, suggest matter to Tabor.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 10, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 5; old cases, 14; total reported to-day, 19; deaths, 5; 75 houses disinfected, with 292 rooms; 421 houses inspected; 651 containers; 12 tanks, 82 excavations, and 120 premises oiled; 360 premises inspected, 26 faucets put in barrels, 35 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on streets and vacant lots, covering 72 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 84°; minimum, 62°. No cases or deaths at New Laredo. Cannel reports 3 new cases, making a total of 11 to date. Minera reports 7 new cases. The mass meeting yesterday did not accomplish as much as was expected; only about 27 citizens have volunteered for inspection work, and it is doubtful if this number will report for work to-morrow. Tabor will be here to-morrow morning.

GUITERAS.

SAN ANTONIO.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 4, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No cases or deaths reported to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours, 52° and 78°. House to house inspection by city authorities completed to-day. Tabor reports another case in DeWitt County.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 5, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case; one death to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours 54° and 80°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 6, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Two cases, no deaths reported to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours 46° and 74°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 7, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case or death reported to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours 46° and 74°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 8, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case, no death, to-day. Rumors fever at Sutherland Springs, Wilson County. Will investigate and report soon as possible.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 9, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case or death to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours 50° and 78°. Visited Sutherland Springs to-day—town 30 miles east of here; population about 150. Dr. Weston, the only practitioner there, has treated since August about 100 cases of a fever which, from his description, I believe to have been yellow, with 4 deaths. Disease seems to have died out for want of material. Tabor has instructed county authorities to disinfect.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 10, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case; no deaths to-day. Temperature last twenty-four hours, 58° and 78°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 11, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case; no death to-day. Temperatures last twenty-four hours, 60° and 80°.

RICHARDSON.

*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.*

CONNECTICUT—*Stamford.*—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 22,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

FLORIDA—*Tampa.*—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths 28, including diphtheria 1, and 7 from tuberculosis.

GEORGIA—*Augusta.*—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 42,441. Total number of deaths 72—white 29, colored 43—including enteric fever 2, whooping cough 2, and 12 from tuberculosis.

COLUMBUS.—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 19,303. Total number of deaths 38, including enteric fever 1, and 3 from tuberculosis.

ILLINOIS—*Springfield.*—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 42, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, and 3 from tuberculosis.

IOWA—*Ottumwa.*—Month of October, 1903. Estimated population, 22,000. Total number of deaths 17, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, and 1 from tuberculosis.